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IN RETROSPECT

In the year 1928, the Watertown Rotary Club was granted a charter by the Boy Scouts of America to organize a scout troop. In those days it was known as Troop 2, and was affiliated with the Indian Trails Council, which had Janesville as the Council headquarters. The Club secured Herbert M. Elcock as scoutmaster.

Some of the first boys to join the troop in June of 1928 were Henry Achilles, Paul Wiley, Augustus Lehrkind, Harold Tetzlaff, Howard Kramp, D. Peterson, Raymond Jacobson, Paul Kreuziger, Donald Reason, Louis Tetzlaff, Edward Benke, Steven Parks, Raymond Hoppe, John Gaston, Leslie Kraehnke, and John Pritzlaff.

In 1931, Mr. Elcock moved from Watertown, and Alvin H. Stallman took over the troop as scoutmaster, and continued in this capacity until 1937. The boys met in the Armory building every Monday night, and it was around this time that the cabin on the Kohlhoff property was constructed under the direction of Arthur Mallow, member of the Rotary Club. Many of the troop's activities centered around this stone structure, until in later years, when it was wrecked by vandals. The property still remains the favorite camping spot of Troop 11 scouts.

In December, 1935, Robert J. Jansky became assistant scoutmaster of the troop and continued in this role until 1937 when he was appointed by the troop committee as scoutmaster. It was around this time that the troop number was changed to 11 by action of the new Area known as the Potawatomi Area, and our headquarters city was Waukesha. The troop progressed rapidly in these days, both in membership and in program. Our Troop 11 was

the troop to beat in Camporees and other council and district activities. The meeting room walls were covered with ribbons and trophies we had won at these events. It was at this time that the troop had very active First Aid teams, and our team would win contest after contest, until we would find ourselves face to face with some of the best first aid teams in the state. In 1937, Troop 11 won the Outdoor Activities Award in the Area rally contest. Space does not permit listing the many events in which the troop excelled, winning over other patrols and troops in the Area.

Many boys passed through the ranks of the troop in these years from 1937 to 1945. We were outgrowing our meeting room in the Armory, and needed more space. It was in 1942 when we acquired the use of Tivoli Island and the building thereon for our use as a meeting place. It was here that the troop really did more honest-to-goodness scouting than anywhere else. All outdoors was available to the troop here, besides having a meeting room and facilities indoors.

In 1947, we were forced to vacate the Island, because it had been sold. The troop took refuge on the third floor of the Jansky Printing Company building, and from there to the third floor of the City Hall. None of these places was the best, and in 1950 the troop committee arranged with the Vestry of St. Paul's Church to use the lower floor of the Guild Hall. The scouts and members of the committee transformed the basement into a livable meeting room. It is here that the troop has maintained their headquarters until the present time.

During the war years, our troop, along with others in the Area were called upon to perform various services for the Government. We distributed posters for the Office of War Information throughout the duration of the

war, besides collecting scrap metal, rubber and paper for war needs. Every boy who participated in these drives received a citation and a medal from Dwight Eisenhower in recognition of their fine effort.

The troop has never been a "mill", turning out Eagle scouts by the hundreds over the years, and to this day, care has always been used in recommending scouts to the rank of Eagle. The following scouts of Troop 11 have obtained the rank of Eagle from 1928 to the present time:

Agustus Lehrkind
Raymond Hoppe
Edward Benke
Roy Thies
John Fuelleman
Charles Wallman
Robert Jansky

James Huber
William King
James Hoffman
John A. Keck
Donald Kapheim
Ronald Kapheim

Over the years, seven members have returned to the troop to serve as Assistant Scoutmasters. They are: *Augustus Lehrkind*, *Raymond Hoppe*, *Roy Thies*, *John A. Keck*, *Fred M. Vergenz*, *Rodney Humphrey* and *Ronald Juderjahn*. Fred Vergenz is now the Explorer Advisor of the Troop. Ronald Juderjahn is now registered as the Assistant Scoutmaster, but is in the service of his country, in the U. S. Air Force.

The troop was well represented at the Valley Forge National Jamboree in 1950 and also at the Irvine Ranch National Jamboree in California last summer.

TROOP COMMITTEE

Clarence Kapheim, Chm. Francis Adams
Walter Condon Robert Hutson
Harold Blaesius

TROOP OFFICERS

Fred M. Vergenz, Explorer Advisor
Robert J. Jansky, Scoutmaster
Ronald Juderjahn, A. S. M. (Air Force)
John Erdman, Senior Patrol Leader
Robert Taylor, Scribe

TROOP MEMBERSHIP

<i>Guy Scott, P. L.</i>	<i>James Clifford</i>
<i>John Kellerman, A. P. L.</i>	<i>David McMurry</i>
<i>Joseph Kellerman</i>	<i>Phillip Peck, Crew Leader</i>
<i>Jack Rathert</i>	<i>John Erdman, A. C. L.</i>
<i>James Rudolf</i>	<i>Jerome Magnan</i>
<i>Nelson Kading</i>	<i>William Schatz</i>
<i>James Cozatt</i>	<i>Robert Taylor</i>
<i>John Ponath</i>	<i>Ronald Kapheim, C. L.</i>
<i>David Herreid</i>	<i>Donald Kapheim, A. C. L.</i>
<i>Daniel Zeiner, P. L.</i>	<i>Kenneth Kennedy</i>
<i>Larry Kapheim, A. P. L.</i>	<i>Robert Clifford</i>
<i>Liegh Larson</i>	<i>Duane Stark</i>

PROGRAM

Carl Kolata, *Toastmaster*

Flag Ceremony Explorer Scouts

Invocation

Dinner

We Sing Roscoe Conklin
John W. Keck

Welcome Glenn Johnson
President, Watertown Rotary Club

Who's Here Fred M. Vergenz

Looking Back Francis S. Adams
Lighting the Birthday Cake

Musical Pantomime Carl Kolata

Today's Scouts Troop Committee
Court of Honor Ceremony

Address Vincent Batha

Closing Troop 11 Scouts

MENU

Swiss Steak

Whipped Potatoes

Gravy

Peas

Salad

Rolls and Butter

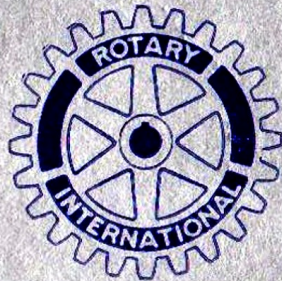
Relishes

Coffee

Milk

Pie

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